From the Principal...

The School Term concludes on Friday, 12 April and I would like to thank teachers, parents and students for their great work this Term. Teachers continue to provide rigorous creative programs for our students, parent support in the classrooms, in the grounds, with extra curricula activities and with fundraising has been amazing and our wonderful children have worked hard and supported each other across all areas of school life. School resumes on Tuesday, 30 April.

SCHOOL DISCO -
Thank you to Mrs Butterworth and all teachers who supported the School Disco last Friday night. The sparkling disco clothes were great to see but most importantly, I congratulate parents on sending their children to the disco in age appropriate attire. It is possible to be dressed in the clothes of today and/or even the future and still look like a child. As many parents have said to me, “the childhood days pass so quickly”. Proceeds from the disco are for the Year 6 Fund raising Account. At the end of the year, the Year 6 students present the school with a gift. Last year, Year 6 donated two shade shelters to the School, so thank you to all who supported the disco last week.

NAPLAN TESTING -
NAPLAN testing for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia will take place in Week 3 of Term 2. The dates are Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May. A “catch up” day is planned for Friday 17 May for students who are unavoidably absent on any of the testing days. A letter to parents in Years 3 and 5 accompanies this Newsletter.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS -
Parent/Teacher interviews for parents of students in Years 1-6 will be held in Week 2 of Term 2 on Tuesday 7 May. Information regarding times was sent home yesterday, as whilst teachers will interview during a common time slot there are individual time slots on other days before and after school. These times are on the individual class sheets. Please do not call the Office to book a time. Contact should be made with the class teacher via the booking sheet which asked parents to nominate preferred times.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL -
There is a Code of Conduct for all people entering Department of Education and Community Grounds. This Code of Conduct is for teachers, students and parents. As advised before, parents must not approach or speak to any child in the school grounds about school matters. Problems that occur between students will be dealt with by school personnel in consultation with parents. Remember, long after the children have forgotten the problem and forgiven each other, parents are often still in anger mode. Parents who continue to approach children other than their own children will not be permitted to enter the school grounds.

SAFETY ISSUES, AGAIN -
Yesterday, Senior Constable Paul Cleary visited the school to advise me that Hornsby North is a targeted school for Police patrols at the end of the school day, particularly on Galston Road. Apparently, a resident on Galston Road has photos of cars parked across driveways and double parked. Please be advised that the Police will book motorists who break the law. Previous Newsletters have advised parents of the offences Police are targeting. I do not want to see any parent from this school receive a traffic fine in excess of $300 and incur 2 demerit points, so please obey the clear and simple road rules and keep our children safe and the bank balances intact.

HEAD LICE -
With the holidays approaching, it is timely to remind parents of the age old childhood infection called “Nits”. I receive notification of head lice or “nit” infections on a weekly basis. The only way to prevent children from becoming infected is for everyone to regularly check children’s hair. This should be on a daily basis, but it can be weekly. It is not fair to send your child to school with an untreated infection, particularly if other parents in the class have been vigilant and particular about treating infections. It only takes one nit to cause a whole class to become infected. Please check hair during the holidays so that we can stop the cycle!

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY -
Our Anzac Day Ceremony will be held at school tomorrow in the Hall at 9.30am. Parents who have returned slips indicating that they would like to attend will have reserved seats. Unannounced guests will be catered for to the best of our ability.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY -
It was a beautiful day for our Cross Country event today. There was great participation and enjoyment by our students.

TERM 2 CALENDAR -
A draft of the Term 2 Calendar also accompanies this Newsletter. A finalized copy of the calendar will be sent home early next Term.

I wish all members of the School Community a safe and happy holiday break. Take care of each other.

Marcie Sympton
Principal

Coming Events.....

Thursday 11 April     ANZAC Day Service 9.30am.
Friday 12 April       Last Day Term 1.

Term 2:
Monday 29 April       Staff Development Day—Pupil Free.
Tuesday 30 April      Students Return Term 2.
Tuesday 7 May         Gymnastics 2N, 2K, 2B, 2C, 1H, 1M, 1B, 1K.
Thursday 9 May        K-3 Italian Day.
Monday 13 May         Yrs 1-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews.
                      Year 4 to Hyde Park War Memorial.
P&C Meeting 7.30pm.
From the Classroom


KINDERGARTEN NEWS -
All our Kindergarten students have had a wonderful Term 1, and the Kindy teachers and I are looking forward to another great Term. Thank you to all the parent help also. Thank you, Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS -
There is no chess lesson this week as it is the last week of Term 1. Keep playing chess at home and working on the Reading Challenge. Happy holidays everyone. Thank you. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au

REPRESENTATIVE SHIRTS -
There are still Rep Shirts not returned. Can all school Representative Shirts please be washed and returned to Mr Howard before the end of Term.

BORROWED SCHOOL UNIFORMS -
It would be appreciated if all items of school uniform that are borrowed from the Office, could be washed and returned.

P & C NEWS -
BAND NEWS -
Senior Band will be performing at the ANZAC Service tomorrow morning, so please don’t forget your music and instrument and good luck.

Just a reminder that our Band Rehearsal times are as follows:

Training Band - Friday morning 8.45am sharp.
Intermediate - Monday morning 8.45am and Wednesday afternoon 3:15pm.
Senior Band - Tuesday morning 8.45am and Thursday afternoon 3:15pm.

Please be on time, it has been noted that some students are arriving up to 20 minutes late for morning rehearsals. This is very disruptive to the Band’s when students arrive late and interrupt the rehearsal to join in.

Saturday & Sunday, 18 & 19 May is our Band Camp! So enjoy the holidays and be refreshed ready for a Term 2 of FUN! Thanks, Sharon Schweisfurth, Band Committee.

UNIFORM SHOP -
Changeover to Winter uniform is Monday, 13 May (Week 3, Term 2). All boys and girls Winter uniform is available. Orders with payment can be placed in the P&C Box and will be filled on Thursday and Friday.

Boys Navy Blue socks are now in stock at a cost of $4.00 a pair. Thank you, Kim Urbaniaik.

AUTUMN FAIR SURVEY -
To help us give you an even better Autumn Fair next year please take the time to do our online survey. We know lots of families out there have some great ideas and suggestions on how the Fair can be better, and the survey can be completely anonymous, if you wish. It’s only 6 questions and only takes a couple of minutes. We’ll take your suggestions to the next P&C Meeting to discuss, so feel free to come along on Monday, 13 May at 7.30pm. We value all of your feedback and am sure you have lots of great ideas on how we can improve.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/9WTBZWZ. Thank you, Alexi Boyd.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE -
Thank you to those who have already completed the Working Bee

Survey, the suggestions are most welcome! but we’d really like more responses. There are a few people who have not yet completed all questions - there are 7 in total. Web page can be found at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/NHW2P8K.

The next Working Bee for Term 2 will be held on Sunday, 2 June between 1-5pm. Please add this date to your diaries, more information will follow next Term! Thank you. Alexi Boyd, Grounds Keeping Committee.

SCHOOL BANKING VOLUNTEER -
We are looking for a volunteer mum or dad to help with the School Banking on a Wednesday morning from 9.10am to approximately 10.30am. No banking experience is necessary. If you can help, please let the Office know and your name will be passed on to the Banking Co-Ordinator. Thank you.

CANTEEN NEWS -
Slushies are now $1.50.

Volunteers:
Thursday 11 April:  Debra Murphy, Belinda Greer.
Friday 12 April:  Sue Walters, Jennifer Martin, Dilek Jolliffe and Linda Muncey.

Term 2 -
Tuesday 30 April:  Lara Watt.
Wednesday 1 May:  Alex Hong, Belinda Madau.
Thank you, Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
WIDEVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE -
Wideview Public School, Wideview Road, Berowra Heights is holding its bi-annual fete on Sunday, 5 May 2013, 10.00am until 3.00pm. (Rides 10.30am until 2.30pm). There will be market stalls, show bags, cake stall, pre-loved book sale, face painting, chocolate wheel, great entertainment and performing groups. The Wideview Fete is open to everyone, not just Wideview families, so share the love - the more the merrier! Come along and have a great time. Want more information? Contact us at wideviewfete@gmail.com.

LEARN TAE KWON DO -
(Australian Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kw an Association). Established in the Northern Suburbs of Sydney since 1974. Training:- Tuesday 7.30 -8.30pm (Hornsby North Public School Hall); and Saturday 12.00-1.00pm (Asquith Sports Hall, Storey Park). For enquiries please phone 9981 7788.

KINDERMUSIK -
Jim Jam Music presents “Kindermusik” - fun, educational music and movement classes for children from birth to 6 years. Enrolments for Term 2 are now being taken. Classes available in Asquith 4 days a week. New class starting for Kindy and Year 1—“Move and Groove” Mondays at 3.30pm.


LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE

- “I Love Australia” cloth purse 18/2/13.
- 2 usb’s—1 black with blue ribbon & 1 blue Verbatim 4/3/13.
- Blue “Lorus” Water Resistant watch.
- Medium size navy blue “Alaska” t-shirt.
- Blue “Billabong” cap with name Austin Marland inside.
- Wide tortoiseshell headband.
- T-Rex dinosaur toy.
- Small toy lion.
- Girls silver bangle with Chinese Characters and 2 bells on it.
HANDEL’S MESSIAH AT WAHROONGA -
On Saturday 13 April 2013, at 7.00pm, the Holy Name Church, 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga will present a major musical event - Handel's MESSIAH! The men and boys of the Choir of St Mary’s Cathedral under the direction of Thomas Wilson, with soloists and orchestra, and featuring soprano Kim Dover, with Paul Goodchild on trumpet, will present ‘Messiah’ by George Friderich Handel. Hear this extraordinary choir sing this - the most popular work in the choral repertoire, right here in the heart of the north shore in the superb acoustic of the former Dominican priory of the Holy Name Church. Tickets $35 ($28 concessions and students under 25). Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/CNPF, or from the church after all weekend services between now and the day of the concert. (Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 10.15am and 6.30pm). Check out the parish website for more details www.holynamewahroonga.com.au or call Chrissie Goldrick on 9144 2652 for details.

Would you like to help another adult learn English?
Hornsby TAFE is offering a FREE tutoring course: Sat. 18 and 25 May, 2013. Register now 9472 1294 or email monique.brunello@tafensw.edu.au for more details.

This highly regarded 6 week course gives vital information and tools to prepare you and your children for the teenage years. Bookings essential.
Starts Wed 15 May
Cost $40 per couple
Venue St. Luke’s Hornsby Hts
Contact 9477 3140

Northern Sydney Local Health District
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Strategies to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.
Chatswood 7 sessions over 8 wks—5 group & 2 telephone (8/5-26/6)
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Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager.
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TODDLERS WORKSHOPS (1-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep.
Cremorne 16/5-30/5 & Chatswood 5/6-19/6 (3 wks/2.5hrs, 7.00-9.30pm).
ENQUIRIES: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830.

Fun-packed, whole-day educational science events for children aged 7-12.
Coming up these holidays at Hornsby North Public School!

HORNSBY RSL YOUTH CLUB GYMNASTICS
Do you want to do something really fun this school holidays? Then come along to our recreational gymnastics days where you get to swing on the ropes, bounce high on the trampolines, roll down the spring floor, balance on the beams and hang around on the bars! There is always something to do, and no previous experience is necessary. Run by fully qualified and accredited gymnastics coaches.

Dates: Monday 15th, Wednesday 17th, Friday 19th, Monday 22nd
Wednesday 24th and Friday 26th of April
Time: 9am – 3pm
Age: 5 – 12 years girls and boys
Cost: $37 per day (members) or $42 per day (non members)
Bring: Morning tea, lunch and plenty to drink!
Where: Hornsby RSL Youth Club Gymnastics, 1 Ashley Lane Hornsby 2077
Booking essential. For more information, or to make a booking phone the gym on 9476 6688 or email hornsbyrsl@ymail.com.

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SOCCER CLINICS
Boy & Girls / Ages 4-15 / 9-3 daily.
Monday 15 to Monday 29 April, 2013.
Camp Features:
- Group, weekly, daily & half day rates.
- Individual skills and modified games.
- Aftercare available until 4.00pm.
- Awards on last day of each camp.
- Registered Child Care provider.
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